

that point to submit any economic data. Nor does the record support Kitto's assertion that BIA "refused to accept" economic impact data from the tribes. The evidence suggests that the opponent tribes generally were not prepared to make the case on economic harm. They had requested and received an extension of time, so they could no longer argue that the "process" was flawed or unfair.

On April 4, Martin Schreiber – a lobbyist for the Ho-Chunk Nation and former Governor of Wisconsin – wrote letters to several members of the Wisconsin delegation, including Sens. Kohl and Feingold, requesting their "help to defeat" the Hudson casino proposal. Billing records also reflect that St. Croix lobbyist Corcoran discussed the issue with staff members to certain Wisconsin delegation members. On April 6, 1995, Ho-Chunk President JoAnn Jones wrote a letter to Reps. James Sensenbrenner (R-Wis.) and Scott Klug (R-Wis.), encouraging them to contact Secretary Babbitt and urge him to oppose the proposal.

David Bieging, a partner at Dorsey & Whitney and formerly a chief of staff to Rep. Sabo and a special assistant to Vice President Mondale, was also actively seeking Hill support for the opposition. On April 28, Bieging visited the offices of three Democratic members of the Minnesota delegation – Reps. Sabo, Vento and Oberstar – on behalf of his client, the Shakopee. Bieging told investigators that his purpose was to request that those members sign a letter from the Minnesota delegation about Hudson. Bieging noted that he did not have to do a great deal of persuading because all three offices were completely on board against the casino proposal.

Bieging's billing records indicate that he followed-up on these meetings in early May with telephone calls to the offices of Sabo and Oberstar. Bieging and his partner Virginia Boylan also faxed a memorandum dated May 3, 1995, to Sabo's office that laid out brief points on the